

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. An electronic tablet, comprising:
 - a housing;
 - a data port within the housing for receiving viewable content in a digital format;
 - a processor within the housing and coupled to the data port, the processor programmed to execute instructions for converting the digital formatted content into a displayable format;
 - a display coupled to the processor for displaying the content and secured to the housing in a waterproof manner; and
 - an access door in the housing associated with the data port and having a closed position wherein the data port is sealed in a waterproof manner behind the access door.
2. The electronic tablet of claim 1, further comprising:
 - a rechargeable battery within the housing; and
 - a inductive charger within the housing for recharging the battery.
3. The electronic tablet of claim 2, wherein the inductive charger comprises a high frequency coil.
4. The electronic tablet of claim 3, wherein the high frequency coil operates at a frequency of about 100 kHz.
5. The electronic tablet of claim 1, wherein the data port comprises a USB port connectable to a computer.

6. The electronic tablet of claim 1, wherein the data port comprises a flash ROM port for receiving a flash ROM card.
7. The electronic tablet of claim 1, further comprising a touch input screen overlaid on the display and coupled to the processor for receiving user input.
8. The electronic tablet of claim 1, wherein the housing comprises a shock absorbing material.
9. The electronic tablet of claim 1, further comprising a wireless interface for receiving the viewable content in a digital format.
10. The electronic tablet of claim 9, wherein the wireless interface comprises an infrared interface.
11. The electronic tablet of claim 9, wherein the wireless interface comprises a an RF interface.
12. The electronic tablet of claim 1, wherein the processor is further programmed with instructions for configuring the electronic tablet as a printer whereby content is receivable from a coupled computer in a print operation to the electronic tablet and displayed on the display.
13. The electronic tablet of claim 1, wherein the processor is further programmed with instructions for configuring the electronic tablet as a storage device whereby content is receivable from a coupled computer and stored in a memory.
14. The electronic tablet of claim 1, wherein the housing has dimensions of approximately 8.5 inches by 11 inches.
15. An apparatus for displaying electronic content, comprising:

a housing;

a USB port within the housing for receiving viewable content in a digital format from a connectable computer;

a processor within the housing and coupled to the data port, the processor programmed to execute instructions for converting the digital formatted content into a displayable format;

a display coupled to the processor for displaying the content and secured to the housing in a waterproof manner;

a touch input screen overlaid on the display and coupled to the processor for receiving user input;

an access door in the housing associated with the data port and having a closed position wherein the data port is sealed in a waterproof manner behind the access door; and

a rechargeable battery within the housing.

16. The apparatus of claim 15, further comprising a flash ROM port for receiving a flash ROM card storing content in a digital format, the flash ROM port located proximate to the USB port such that, when the access door is in the closed position, the flash ROM port is sealed in a waterproof manner behind the access door.

17. The apparatus of claim 15, further comprising a plurality of flash ROM ports, each for receiving a flash ROM card storing content in a digital format, the plurality of flash ROM ports located proximate to the USB port such that, when the access door is in the closed position, the flash ROM ports are sealed in a waterproof manner behind the access door.

18. The apparatus of claim 15, further comprising a inductive charger within the housing for recharging the battery.

19. The apparatus of claim 15, wherein the housing has dimensions of approximately 8.5 inches by 11 inches.

20. The apparatus of claim 15, wherein the processor is further programmed with instructions for:

receiving user-generated input from the touch input screen and representative of written annotations of displayed content; and

storing the annotations with the displayed content whereby the annotations are displayed with the content.